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SUBJECT: ANTI - STALINIST PRESS CAMPAIGN

REF : A. BELGRADE 5035 (OCT 10, 1974), B. BELGRADE 5251

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1. SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV PRESS HAS RECENTLY MOUNTED ANTI-STALINIST, AND THEREFORE ANTI-SOVIET, CAMPAIGN. WELL-PUBLICIZED NEWSPAPER SERIES WILL DRAW LESSONS FROM 1935 CONFERENCE OF COMINTERN, WHEN STALINIST HACK PUT IN CHARGE OF YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY OVER TITO'S HEAD. HARD-HITTING EDITORIAL EQUATES STALINIST DOGMATISM WITH TREASON. END SUMMARY.

2. NATIONAL DAILY "BORBA" RAN SEVERAL ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SERIES BEGINNING OCTOBER 15 ON SEVENTH CONGRESS OF COMINTERN, HELD IN 1935. SERIES IS ADAPTED FROM FORTHCOMING BOOK BY HISTORIAN PERO DAMJANOVIC. IN ADVERTISEMENTS, PERIOD OF CONFERENCE IS DESCRIBED AS BEING OF "CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE FOR CONTEMPORARY WORLD". AMONG OTHER ASPECTS, SERIES WILL CONSIDER CONFERENCE

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STAND AGAINST UNCRITICAL APPLICATION OF EXPERIENCE

OF ONE COUNTRY (READ USSR) TO ANOTHER (READ YUGOSLAVIA)  
AND ITS REAFFIRMATION OF LENIN'S VIEW THAT COMMUNISTS  
ARE OBLIGED TO SET THEIR OWN COURSE OF ACTION BASED  
ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. FIRST ARTICLE DESCRIBES  
HISTORICAL SETTING IN MARXIST TERMS.

3. EDITORIAL IN OCTOBER 13 ISSUE OF LEAGUE OF COM-  
MUNISTS WEEKLY "KOMUNIST" PULLS NO PUNCHES IN ATTACK  
ON "DOGMATISM", CATCH WORD USED AGAINST PROPONENTS OF  
CENTRALISM AND SOVIET HEGEMONY. EDITORIAL DISTINGUISHES  
BETWEEN DOGMATISM OF IGNORANCE AND DOGMATISM OF COUNTER-  
REVOLUTION. FORMER IS PRE-DISPOSITION TOWARD CENTRALISM  
AS RESULT OF LAZINESS AND IGNORANCE. LATTER, MORE  
SERIOUS FORM, APPEARS IN "THOS WHO FOR THE SAKE OF  
THEIR OWN PRIVATE INTERESTS WOULD BETRAY ALL  
REVOLUTIONARY PRINCIPLES, SACRIFICE ALL REVOLUTIONARY  
ACHIEVEMENTS." LINKING PRO-STALIN ELEMENTS IN 1948  
AND MODERN DOGMATISTS, EDITORIAL FINDS NO DIFFERENCE  
"BETWEEN THOS WHO THREE DECADES AGO LATCHED ONTO THE  
INFORMBUREAU RESOLUTION AND HAVE BEEN UNTIL NOW SUP-  
PORTING ITS POSITIONS.; POSITIONS OF NATIONAL BETRAYAL,  
AND NEO-INFORMBUREAUISTS WHO ALSO OCCUPY THEMSELVES  
WITH ANTI-YUGOSLAV POLITICAL DIVERSIONS." AS EXAMPLES,  
EDITORIAL CITES "THE BAR CASE" (REFTEL A) AND "SMALL  
UNSPECIFIED GROUPS (WHICH) TRIED TO ORGANIZE AND WORK  
ALONG THE SAME LINES". CONCLUDING THAT "INFORMBUREAU-  
ISTS, NEO-STALINISTS, DOGMATIC AND BUREAUCRATIC FORCES  
ARE CONSTANTLY ACTIVE", EDITORIAL CALLS FOR PERMANENT  
STRUGGLE "TO THE BITTER END" AGAINST "ALL WHO HAVE  
TAKEN THE ROAD OF NATIONAL BETRAYAL AND COUNTER-  
REVOLUTION".

4. COMMENT: HARSH ATTACKS SEEM DESIGNED TO  
PREPARE WAY FOR RUMORED UPCOMING TRIAL OF ANOTHER  
GROUP OF INFORMBUREAUISTS (REFTEL B). THEY MAY ALSO  
REFLECT STRAINS PRODUCED BY SOVIET PRESSURE TO ACHIEVE  
YUGOSLAV CONFORMITY AT PLANNED CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN  
COMMUNIST PARTIES AND FEARS OF BREZHNEV DOCTRINE  
REVIVED BY RECENT EAST GERMAN-SOVIET TREATY (REFTEL C).  
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